



Fjords in a Nutshell

TOUR 118

4 Nights, 5 Days

Minimum 20 persons



Discover the major highlights of the Norwegian Fjords in the region between Oslo – the capital - and Bergen – the “gateway to the Fjords”. Enjoy cruises on the famous Sognefjord and the Hardangerfjord, as well as going on a spectacular journey on the famous Flåm Railway, before admiring the impressive Vøringsfoss waterfall.

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DAY 1 Welcome to OSLO

Arrival at Oslo Airport – Gardermoen - according to your own itinerary (flight reserved by your agency). Transfer to the city center.

Explore Oslo on a 3 hours city sightseeing tour with a local guide. Panoramic views of: Opera house, Karl Johans gate – Oslo's main street, Old town Christiania, Akershus Castle and Fortress, and the Royal Palace. Picturesque ride through some of Oslo's prettiest neighborhoods to the Vigeland Park with its more than 200 sculptures.

Bed and Breakfast accommodation at **Thon Hotel Opera**, or similar, located in the city center.

DAY 2 OSLO - SOGNEFJORD - STALHEIM

Board the Bergen Railway, one of the world's most scenic train rides, which will take you to the mountain station of Myrdal. The station is located 866 metres above sea level, and corresponds with the spectacular Flåm Railway.

Board the famous Flåm Railway, one of the most beautiful and steepest standard-gauge railway lines in the world, with 80% of the journey at a gradient of 5.5%. Travel through spectacular scenery, alongside the Rallar Road, down to Flåm, located at the end of Aurlandsfjorden.

Board the ship for a fjord cruise on the narrow and spectacular Nærøyfjord from Flåm to Gudvangen. Surrounded by steep valley sides and snow-covered peaks, thundering waterfalls and picturesque villages, this area has been judged one of the most beautiful fjord landscapes in the world and is on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Transfer by private coach to your hotel in Stalheim, overlooking the famous Stalheimskleiva, one of the steepest roads in Northern Europe, built during 1842-1845. See the hotel's extensive display of fine antiques, and visit the Stalheim Folk Museum next to the hotel.

Half board accommodation at **Stalheim Hotel in superior rooms**.

DAY 3 STALHEIM - HARDANGERFJORD - BERGEN

Drive by private coach to Eidfjord. Visit Hardangervidda Nature Centre in Eidfjord, which is an exciting experience centre for Norwegian nature, climate and environment.

Stop to admire the Vøringsfoss Waterfall, which has a free fall of 145 metres and a total fall of 182 metres, and is one of the most visited tourist attractions in Norway.

Board a ship for a crossing on the beautiful Hardangerfjord from Eidfjord to Norheimsund. The 179 km Hardangerfjord is one of the longest in the world, and 40% of all Norwegian fruit is grown in the surrounding areas.

Continue by private coach to Bergen, Norway's second largest city, known as the capital of the west and gateway to the fjords. Bergen is a UNESCO world heritage.

Half board accommodation at **Zander K Hotel**, or similar, located in the city center.

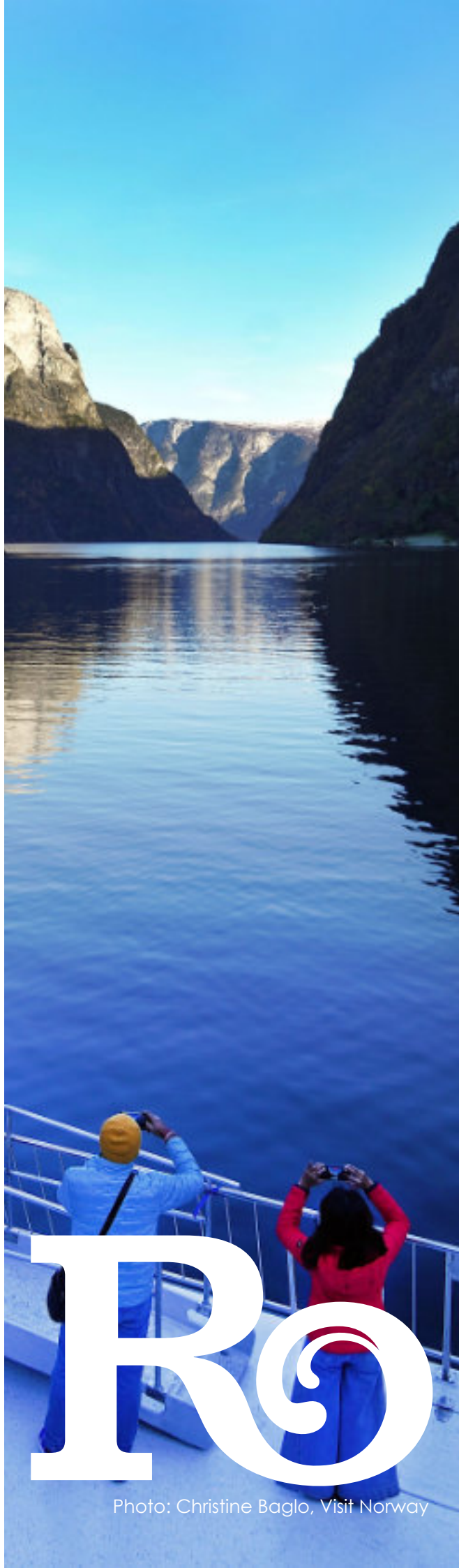


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DAY 4 BERGEN

After breakfast at your hotel, depart for a 2 hours walking tour of Bergen with a local guide. Sights of interests are the fish and flower market and Bryggen Hanseatic Wharf. A stroll through Bryggen takes you back to the middle ages as a lot of the architecture is preserved.

In the afternoon, go on a ride on the Bergen Funicular to the top of mount Fløyen. Enjoy great views over the fjords and mountains surrounding the city of Bergen. Travel with the funicular back down to Bergen.

Dinner at a local restaurant (Bryggen Tracteursted or similar).

Bed and Breakfast accommodation at **Zander K Hotel**.

DAY 5 BERGEN - Departure

After breakfast at your hotel, transfer to Bergen Airport – Flesland - for your return flight according to your own itinerary (flight reserved by your agency). End of our services.

This tour can also be added as an extension to another tour, such as “Royal Capitals” or “Lofoten Islands & North Cape”.



SERVICES INCLUDED

Accommodation and meals:

- 1 night hotel accommodation incl. half board.
- 1 night hotel accommodation in superior rooms incl. half board.
- 2 nights hotel accommodation incl bed and breakfast.
- All rooms with shower/WC.
- 3-course dinner at a local restaurant in Bergen.

Guided tours:

- Oslo (3 hours)
- Bergen (2 hours, city walk)

Entrances:

- Stalheim Museum
- Hardangervidda Nature Center (Eidfjord)

Other activities:

- Train ride from Oslo to Myrdal, day 2 (2nd class)
- Excursion on the Flåm Railway from Myrdal to Flåm, day 2
- Fjord cruise on the Sognefjord from Flåm to Gudvangen, day 2
- Fjord cruise on the Hardangerfjord from Eidfjord to Norheimsund, day 3
- Excursion on Fløibanen in Bergen day 4, return ticket

Private coach:

- Coach transfers and hire as per program



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